

Sykoras in Slovakia November 2008 Update

Happy Thanksgiving fellow Americans! We are looking forward to celebrating Thanksgiving with our good friend and fellow missionary Julie Allman along with other ex-patriots here in Bratislava. We have much to be thankful for, as usual, and one of those things is you! Thank you friends and family for your prayers and support that keep us here, that lift us up, that enable us to love people for Jesus here in Europe. Here is a glimpse of work with the local church as of late.

Teen group is growing! Josef is excited about the high school youth group he is leading at church. One reason is that the group has grown from about 10 last year to almost 30 this year! While Josef also feels concerned about that, in order to keep a quality program and help each young person grow in the Lord, it is encouraging to see that the group is gaining momentum. He is also thankful for the strong leadership team he has to work with. Please pray for these young people to truly be disciplined in their faith.



Mom & Baby Club Lynette & Simon have been part of a mom & baby club since last spring. Lynette and her neighbor and friend, Maria, started the group and it has grown from about 4 mommies to now about 10 mommy's plus babies. We are blessed to be served by our denomination's children's ministry coordinator and her teammates who lead a program for our kids every other week. It's a brilliant program and we enjoy the fellowship a lot! It has also been an outreach to mom's who have been on the fringe of our fellowship. Please pray for this ministry as well as the marriage mentoring program as they seek to enhance the family lives of our church.



Health Concerns Since September, Josef has been struggling with an infection in his lungs and body. Blood tests reveal a microplasm infection, probably pneumonia. And recently, Lynette and Josef had a bacterial infection, starting Josef on his 3rd round of antibiotics in 2 months. We are both weak and trying to get back to normal, especially Josef. The guy who hiked 20 miles in the Smokey Mountains in one day is having trouble walking to the bus stop in the cold weather. It's discouraging, so please pray not only for physical health but for emotional encouragement and

hope that Josef will get better eventually!

Thank you all and God bless you and your families as you celebrate Turkey Day!

Josef, Lynette & Simon Sykora